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NATIONAL DEBTS OF THE WORLD.

From the *Bulletin*.
The statistical tables relating to foreign countries, just published, are brimming full of interesting facts concerning the condition, commercial and otherwise, of almost every country in the world. Among other things it gives the national debt of every country. It is difficult to be the effect of a country being deeply indebted, there seems no doubt that every government finds borrowing an exceedingly convenient method of raising revenue. We submit a list of the principal national debts, with the date to which each is made up, and the amount per head of each nation's indebtedness:

Year.	Total debt.	Per head of population.
United Kingdom.	\$305,260,298	27 16 0
United States.	1,424,000,000	37 16 5
France.	530,000,000	31 16 5
Russia.	4961,200,000	6 11 1
Austria.	1,804,700,000	6 14 10
Italy.	1,964	7 19 5
Holland.	163,400,000	10 4 6
Prussia.	1,894	8 10 6
Turkey.	1,894	1 8 0
Prussia.	1,894	2 5 0
Portugal.	1,894	9 11 0
Bulgaria.	1,894	6 6 0
Brazil.	1,894	2 4 0
Denmark.	1,894	4 0 0
Greece.	1,894	10 70 26
Peru.	1,894	9 15 2
China.	1,894	8 57 648
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These figures are full of meaning. By them we can estimate the comparative strength of the principal powers, and ascertain in what degree the debt is levied by each. Take the United Kingdom, for instance. We find that our debt is \$305,260,298, or £21,160,000 per head, and yet we are equal to exercise all our financial skill, not in reducing our indebtedness, but in lightening our immediate taxation. We raise our revenue by an average payment per head of £2 6s. 4d., and let our national debt very nearly take care of itself. Just the opposite course is pursued in the United States, between whose people and ourselves there is but the difference which need exist between natural manhood and youth. The one but £55,873,546, or less than we have shown to be the total debt per head; that is, £17 16s. 6d. per head, against our £27 16s. 6d. per head. But they raise as much as £12 11s. 6d. per head per annum which is £10 16s. more than we do. The difference is very great, and arises from the resolution of the American Government to get rid of their debt within a reasonable time. Those who maintain the justice of national debt urge that what has been done by one generation for the benefit of the future as well as the present should be borne by all, and not by those who are to suffer much more heavily. Every generation who has its truly national worth, internal or external, peaceful or warlike, whereas the view referred to assumes that the present generation has more to do for the national weal than its descendants will have.

This is obviously untrue, and we are sure that our notion is wrong, and that the course adopted on the other side of the Atlantic is just, and by far the best. Another trait of thought which is striking in these figures is the relative debts of France and Prussia. Prussia is here for every purpose of account a united German State, and the enemies of Prussia are the enemies of Germany, the glory and distress of the one is the glory or distress of the latter. At this moment France, with habitual irritation at others gaining territorial prizes while she is left in the cold, is asking of Prussia certain concessions. The French people watch with anxious concern the neighborhood of a united Protestant Germany ruled by a military despot, and they admit that they seek to more equally balance power on the continent.

Prussia only owes £41,651,707, or £2 2s. 3d. per head, while France owes £332,028,085, or £4 7s. 2d. Besides this Prussia contributes but £1 2s. 5d. per head towards the revenue, and the French £1 19s. 1d. These are practical facts, which in this instance are not affected by other important considerations. Both Prussia and France are military powers, but if anything the Prussian soldier is more intelligent, more courageous, and capable of enduring more prolonged fatigue, without weariness of a national struggle than the French. More over the Prussians play a much more active role in Prussia may at any time be disturbed in France, owing to the fickleness of the people and their love of military adventures.

It is, therefore, of great importance to both these countries that they should keep their resources well in hand. Prussia has hers, and we know that her people in time of national war can voluntarily resign luxurious clothing and ornaments, can moderate their appetites, and can even yield up their wedding-rings so that the wherewithal may be saved for the nation's cause. This may be done, and we see that the same story is told of the Spaniards everywhere about us among them. The French are more brilliant, but they are unaccustomed to the prolonged contests of either Prussia or Britain. Spain owes £10,094,471, or £1 10s. 6d. per head of her population. This is not a large debt for such a country, which should have numerous wealthy colonies and abundant home resources.

Of all nations, Spain seems to be the most Roman Catholic, and the most backward, and most despotic. Her people must be poor, who serve themselves and their master before the throne, the country, or the people; her ministers are made or unmade by revolutions; and her subjects, while being heavily taxed in proportion to the revenue raised, are badly ruled in every respect. The whole country is insolvent, and by her irregularities in dealing with all the world she has won well-merited contempt from every side. The Mexican Government is so much behind that it has made no statement of its affairs. An approximate estimate can only be made from the information given by the Mexican Consul, and he says that Turkey and Spain, there is no doubt that her internal indebtedness is of some importance, and this would render any total of external indebtedness very misleading.

Italy has a national debt of £176,225,039, or 27 19s. 5d. per head. Besides this, the country is rather heavily taxed, the annual revenue being equal to £1 1s. 7d. per head of the population. But Italy is young, and, if well governed, will very speedily improve her financial prospects, and rank among the moderately progressive and sound families of the world. Chile, Peru, and Brazil are with many other third rate countries, following the example of the Old World. Indeed they have in most cases already exceeded reasonable limits, and in more than one instance have brought themselves to a disgraceful stoppage.

Take, for example, Venezuela and some other South American "Republics." Their people are half Spaniards, with a goodly proportion of Spanish "chivalry," as they term their free-booting, lawless raids upon each other and their neighbors. They borrow upon enormous terms, hypothecate customs duties, and other sources of revenue sometimes twice, and invariably once, until there are no means of conducting their Government, when the rights of the money lenders are put aside, the whole revenue devoted to the uses of the State, and, when remonstrated with, these "chivalrous" descendants of Spain and Spanish rule protest that their conduct is justifiable, and should be mentioned in sugar-phrases.

The Attack on Henry Ward Beecher.—Reverend Mr. Beecher, say the *Bulletin*, came out for the President's administration because his son wanted a military office. The facts are said to be as follows:—Henry Ward Beecher, eldest son of Henry Ward Beecher, was commissioned in the regular army of the United States by Simon Cameron, Secretary of War, years before Andrew Johnson was ever thought of for Vice-President, and when he had no more to do with commissions in the army than this "no confidence man" has with decent society. President Johnson has no power to remove or advance Lieutenant Beecher. He is in the army, and can leave it only by resignation or an injunction of a court-martial.

A report that the gambling establishment at Baden-Baden has been permitted to remain until 1870 is contradicted by the *Baden Lieder Zeitung*. The establishment is to be broken up next year.

AUCTION SALES.

NOTICE.

NOTICE.—JOHN EDGAR THOMSON Trustee in a certain interest of mortgagor of the property hereinbefore described executed by the said mortgagor in trust to secure the payment of the principal sum in trust of bonds of said Company to the amount of £100,000, which mortgage is now in the hands of the said Company, and is now in the office for recording deeds etc. is, and for the benefit of those persons who may be interested in the same, to wit, the County of Centre, the 10th day of October, A. D. 1866, and in the office for recording deeds etc. in and for the County of Blair, the 11th day of October, A. D. 1866, and in the office for recording deeds etc. in and for the County of Centre on the 20th day of October, A. D. 1866, and in the office for recording deeds etc. in and for the County of Blair on the 21st day of October, A. D. 1866, and in the office for recording deeds etc. in and for the County of Centre on the 22nd day of October, A. 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